the NCWA-III on 11-11-1983, most of the clauses of the agreement have been implemented. As provided in the Agreement, five sub-committees of the JBCCI have been meeting to ensure proper implementation of the clauses of the Agreement.

Clause 10.1 of the Agreement provides for a periodic review by the JBCCI of the steps being taken to achieve optimum production and productivity consistent with safety etc. Clause 11.5.3 provides for periodic review by the JBCCI of the steps taken to abolition of contract labour.

A meeting of the JBCCI will be held shortly to consider these matters.

(c) A letter dated 14-6-84 has been received from Shri Kalyan Roy, M.P. regarding the review to be held in terms of Clause 10.1.

(d) This was one of the demands in the strike notices referred to.

Starting of P & T Divisional Office at Nanded

*16. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made in starting the Post and Telegraphs divisional office at Nanded in Maharashtra State;

(b) what is the progress of laying out the coaxial line in Marathawada; and

(c) by when Nanded is expected to be linked with other cities of India with STD service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Nanded Postal Division in Maharashtra State already exists for a pretty long time. A Telegraph Engineering Division also exists at Nanded.

(b) In Marathawada region, one 600 channel capacity 2.6 Mhz coaxial scheme is planned in section Aurangabad-Jalna-Parbhani-Nanded. Aluminium Sheathed coaxial cable for a part of the route where power parallelism exists. is yet to be received on import. The balance lengths of coaxial cable with lead-sheath have been received and the laying work is in progress. The work is likely to be completed in 1985-86.

(c) Nanded is likely to be linked with other cities of India with STD service during 1986-87 after completion of work at (b) above.

Power Shortage in Country

*17. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of power in the country at present;

(b) what is the estimated power requirement and total annual production of power in the country at present;

(c) whether any efforts are being made by Government to meet the shortage and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether any special funds have been allocated for the purpose; and

(e) the time by when the country is likely to be self sufficient in its requirement of power?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) There is a power shortage in the country.

(b) The total energy generation during 1983-84 was about 140 billion units as against a gross requirement of about 156 billion units.